

REMARKS

The Final Office Action: (a) rejected claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 112, first paragraph; (b) rejected claim 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph; and (c) allowed claims 15-25 and 28. By this Amendment after Final, Applicants propose cancelling claims 26 and 27 without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter. Upon entry of this Amendment after Final, allowed claims 15-25 and 28 will remain pending and under current examination.

While proposing to cancel claims 26 and 27, Applicants maintain their position that the Final Office Action is mistaken in rejecting claims 26 and 27. Nevertheless, solely to advance prosecution, Applicants propose cancelling rejected claims 26 and 27 without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter.

Applicants therefore request the entry of this Amendment after Final, allowing the application to proceed to issuance on the basis of allowed claims 15-25 and 28. This Amendment after Final does not raise any new issues or require the Examiner to undertake another search of the art. Therefore, this Amendment after Final should allow for immediate and favorable action.

If there are any remaining issues or misunderstandings, Applicants request the Examiner telephone the undersigned representative to discuss them.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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